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2 FAM 970 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Changes

1. This Change Transmittal issues the new 2 FAM 970, Public-Private Partnerships.
 - 2 FAM 970 outlines the policy and statutory guidance for Public-Private Partnership engagement at the U.S. Department of State. This section of the FAM describes the process to evaluate a partnership, including assessing appearances of conflicts of interest, fulfilling due diligence requirements and obtaining legal approvals. Finally, the FAM entry delineates the required steps to obtain approval to enter into a partnership via a specified clearance process for an Action Memo to the Undersecretary of Management.
 - S/GPI authored 2 FAM 970 in order to standardize the Department of State's partnership engagement process. The 2010 Quadrennial Diplomatic and Development Review calls upon State to embrace 21st Century Statecraft to connect the private and civic sectors with our foreign policy work by bringing new resources and partners to the table; better using connection technologies and expanding, facilitating, and streamlining our public-private partnership process.
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